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For: DEVICE FOR MUSCLE STIMULATION	)

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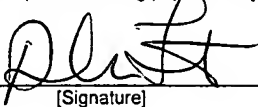
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of attention of the Examiner to the references listed on enclosed form PTO-1449 which were cited in the instant specification and in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding International patent application No. PCT/DE2004/001970, respectively. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith submits a copy of the International Search Report. In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

German Offenlegungsschrift DE 101 52 741 A1 describes a heart therapy device, in particular implantable defibrillator, heart pacemaker or combined heart pacemaker, including an evaluation and control means for evaluating a measured heart rate. The evaluation and control means has a three-area memory for storing a first, second and third value range of reference heart rates adjacent to one another with ascending heart rate values, a heart rate discriminator for allocating a measured heart rate to the first, second or third value range, and a stability evaluation means for evaluating the heart rate stability over a predetermined period of time upon detection of a heart rate lying within the second value range.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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	DE 101 52 741 A1	02-13-2003	Germany			no
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